

COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? Cap & 2020 Galesville in June, 2008 meetings by LaCrosse Clean Energy Coalition, local concerned citizen meetings in Galesville, WI

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

☒ Project Purpose and Need

☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources

☒ Proximity to residences

☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)

☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)

☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)

☒ Historic and cultural sites

☐ Radio or television interference

☐ Noise

☒ Health and safety

I-242-001 ☒ Other: Decentralization of energy production

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I-242-002 Increased thrust for long-term sustainability with use of diversified renewable energies.

Hampton • Rochester • La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project

I-242-001

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

I-242-002

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-242-001.

I-242-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to social and economic resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☐ Agriculture ☐ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

*At present I don't believe I'm under a corridor.
However I continuously hear of changes in the routing.*

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

*I do not appreciate forcing the bill for energy
lines which will not directly service me. Instead there
ought to be continual compensation for the environmental,
agricultural, biological, and recreational damage and
destruction paid by the receivers of the energy to those
within this proposed corridor, at least. Another words no
rate hike to us.*

I-242-003

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-242-004

No. In fact, it's unclear to this day where the lines are actually going to be installed, or whether wind energy will be accessed with this project. I've also been told it's a "done deal" with permission from Wisconsin to move forward with this project. If that's so what's the purpose of this comment form? I want accurate detailed information on the final corridor choice and an opportunity for public input on it. Or is it the strategy of the organizers to divide the public, so they can conquer, so to speak?

I-242-005

I-242-006

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-242-004

The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities are striving to provide the most up to date information in a timely manner. Project information is updated regularly on the project website, www.capx2020.com.

Your letter/comment card has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line. Due to the transmission grid's interconnected nature as well as to electricity's nature - it's generally difficult to identify a specific source of electricity on the grid.

The proposed CapX2020 transmission lines will serve the region's expected growth and help begin to meet Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standard (RES), which requires utilities to deliver 25 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2025 (Xcel Energy is mandated to deliver 30 percent by 2020, with 25 percent from wind). Most of that energy comes from wind turbines.

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I-242-006

Your comment has been noted. Please refer to comment response I-242-005.